

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2017**

There were 20 members/guests in attendance.

Chip Stevenson	Chairman, Sussex County LEPC
Peter Uhey	Bayhealth
Paul Swarm	SPI Pharma
Sonia Williamson	Mountaire
Bob Kendall	Mountaire
Mark Dolan	DNREC
David Irwin	LEPC For New Castle County
Kenneth Cenci	DNREC
Avery Dalton	DEMA
Kelly Kruger	Sussex EOC, Secretary
Marc Evans	Delaware National Guard
Ron Verosko	Sussex County, Safety Officer
Jim Smith	Delmarva Power Electric Co.
Nicole Littleton	DTW
Bob Shinholt	ALOFT
Mary Davis	Magnum Electronics
Steve Farkas	Sharp Energy
Rich Gaudiosi	DBRC
Glenn Marshall	SCEMS
Scott Bossert	DBRC

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the March 9, 2017, meeting was approved.

All attendees introduced themselves.

REPORTS-

[DNREC- Bill Davis-](#)

EPCRA Reporting Program LEPC Report – May 2017

- **SB 68 was introduced 4/27/17 and assigned to the Corrections & Public Safety Committee in the Senate**

Synopsis

The primary purpose of this bill is to provide for an increase in fees collected with annual hazardous chemical inventory reports submitted by facilities. The bill also makes certain technical corrections. Sections 1 and 2 of the bill add the term “safety data sheets,” where applicable, so that the terminology in Chapter 63, Title 16 of the Delaware Code comports with federal and international standards. Section 3 of this bill would increase the current fee per hazardous chemical from \$40 to \$60, and per extremely hazardous substance from \$80 to \$100, starting in 2018. Existing fee amounts are maintained for reports submitted late for back years. The fees were originally established in 1991, and have remained unchanged for 26 years. Fees collected are appropriated to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and are used primarily to support operation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCS). Funds are also used to support emergency response vehicles for decontamination. Section 4 of this bill removes an unneeded provision that conflicts with the purpose of the fees as stated within Chapter 63. Section 5 inserts an exemption provision omitted when Chapter 63 was originally established, and provides alignment with related federal reporting requirements.

- **2016 EPCRA 312 (Tier II) reporting concluded March 1st**
 - o **First round reminders emailed 3/14**
 - o **Second round phone calls placed starting 4/11**
 - o **Third round paper letters upcoming in late May**

☐ **Reporting Status:**

EPCRA 312 (Tier II) Reports Submitted as of May 3rd, 2017

RY2016 current	3/7/17	RY2015 ~final	
2159	2019	2112	State Total
743	702	724	Sussex
463	435	448	Kent
820	763	806	New Castle
133	119	134	Wilmington

☐ 226 more reports have been submitted for RY2016 versus RY2015 by this time last year.

[DEMA UPDATES- Avery Dalton –](#)

State Emergency Response Commission

SERC Quarterly Meeting 6/14/17

Newly appointed Secretary Robert Coupe of Delaware's Department of Safety & Homeland Security took over the responsibilities of SERC Chairman. The SERC budget was approved at the March 8th quarterly meeting. Next SERC quarterly meeting is on June 14th.

SB68

Representative Bruce Ennis has introduced legislation to increase funds collected by DNREC's EPCRA program for hazardous chemicals. The primary purpose of this bill is to provide for an increase in fees collected with annual hazardous chemical inventory reports submitted by facilities. The fees were originally established in 1991, and have remained unchanged for 26 years. Fees collected are appropriated to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and are used primarily to support operation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). Funds are also used to support emergency response vehicles for decontamination.

SERC Annual Report

In July, Avery Dalton will begin collecting inputs from LEPCs and Agencies to prepare the SERC Annual Report.

SERC - Items of Interest

On April 18-20, 2017, the OAR safety train operated by Norfolk Southern visited the Newark, Delaware rail yard. Operation Awareness & Response (OAR), was launched in 2015 to educate the public about the economic importance of the safe movement of hazardous materials by rail and to connect emergency first responders in Norfolk Southern communities with information and training resources. In April 2016, Norfolk Southern unveiled the safety train, which has a locomotive, specially equipped classroom boxcars, and several tank cars for additional hands-on training. Emergency responders and DEMA staff toured the train, observed key training features, and met with Norfolk Southern staff.

SERC – Upcoming Events

Delaware Chemical Safety & Security Workshop to be presented by the EPA, DHS and DOT is being planned for October of 2017. More information to follow.

DEMA – Upcoming Events & News

DEMA participated in FEMA's Regional Power Outage Exercise on May 2, 2017. The exercise started on day three of a simulated power outage. The Energy Group under the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan was assembled to participate in the exercise. The group composed of representatives from Delmarva Power, Delaware Electrical Co-op, DNREC and several other entities reviewed the problems of restoring power and electrical grid stability.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Status

Current balance of the grant is; \$35,665.06 out of \$114,975.00 (2016-2017) has been spent as of May 5th.

HMEP - 3 year grant

2016-2017	\$114,975.00
2017-2018	\$105,298.00
2018-2019	\$105,298.00

SCEMS-Glenn Marshall-

No HazMat Issues. Training is May 8-11 on Chemical Training.

DECON Trailer Updates-

No Report

DNREC- Mark Dolan- He thanked the sponsors who supported the workshop that was held at the Delaware State Fire School on April 7-8, 2017. The workshop went very well.

Kent County LEPC-David Mick/Brandon Olenick-
No Report

New Castle County LEPC-Dave Irwin-
Next Meeting will be Monday May 8, 2017, 2:30 at the Delaware State Fire School.

Wilmington LEPC- George Giles
No Report

Other business-
No Report

Sussex County LEPC-Chip Stevenson
Chairman Stevenson reported on the following activities:
-Attended the New Castle County LEPC meeting on March 13
-Attended the Kent County LEPC meeting on March 14
-Attended the DETF meeting at UD in Georgetown on April 26
-Observed the Wilmington/New Castle County TTX in Wilmington on April 2
-Attended the 10th Annual HazMat Workshop at DSFS in Dover on April 7th & 8th

PRESENTATIONS:
The group toured the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center.

NEXT MEETING- THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017 AT 10 A.M. AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER.